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**May 19, 2017**

## **Holiday Schedule for Memorial Day, Monday, May 29**

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Memorial Day, Monday, May 29.

**County Offices** – closed

**Libraries** – closed

**County Liquor stores** – all stores will be open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Recreation** –all indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities will close at 6 p.m.; administrative offices, senior centers and community recreation centers will be closed

**Montgomery Parks** - Information available at <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

**Ride On** – will operate on a Sunday schedule. Information is available at this link: [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/holiday\\_schedules.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/holiday_schedules.html).

**Metrorail** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

**Metrobus** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

**TRiPS Commuter Stores** (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) – closed

**Refuse/recycling pickup** – no collection, all collections scheduled on or after the holiday will be made one day later in the week

**The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station** - closed Memorial Day; will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30. The Public Unloading Facility at the Route 355 (Frederick Road) entrance will operate normal operating hours from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters** – free

**MCPS Schools and Administrative Offices** – closed

**State offices and courts** – closed

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## **County Council's Preliminary Approval of FY 2018 Operating Budget**

The Council reached unanimous preliminary agreement on a \$5.4 billion operating budget, a 2.7 percent increase over the approved budget for FY 2017, and is scheduled to formally adopt the budget on Thursday, May 25. It will go into effect on July 1, 2017 which is the beginning of the county's fiscal year. See the [press release for details](#).

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## Statement from County Executive Ike Leggett on Council Announcement of Operating Budget for FY18

[http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=21108](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21108)

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### Smart Growth Initiative Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

County Executive Ike Leggett celebrated the ribbon cutting for another of his Smart Growth Initiative projects, the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Central Maintenance Depot and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Green Farm Maintenance Facility. This new campus of buildings will serve 204 schools and the vast Montgomery Parks system of parkland and facilities. Pictured left to right are: Department of General Services (DGS) Division of Building Design and Construction Chief Hamid Omidvar, DGS Deputy Director Greg Ossont, Chair of the Montgomery Parks and Planning Board Casey Anderson, Leggett, community member Terry O'Grady, Montgomery Parks Director Mike Riley and County Board of Education President Mike Durso. [See more photos from Flickr site.](#)

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**Gaithersburg Book Festival**  
**Saturday, May 20 10:00am-6:00pm**  
**on the grounds of Gaithersburg City Hall**  
**31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg**

Enjoy all things literary at the Gaithersburg Book Festival, an annual all-day celebration of books, writers and literary excellence. For more details, visit <http://gaithersburgbookfestival.org>

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**Public Forum: Ride On extra; a new limited stop service along MD Route 355**

**Wednesday, May 24 6:30pm**

**Montgomery County Executive Office Building (Auditorium)  
101 Monroe Street, Rockville**

*The forum will end after the last registered speaker. If the forum is cancelled due to inclement weather, a public forum will be held on May 31, 2017.*

The public will have a chance to comment on a new limited stop service along Maryland State Route 355 called Ride On extRa. This service will operate from Lakeforest Transit Center to Medical Center Station with 12 limited stops along the route. Ride On extRa is an overlay of the existing local service along MD 355 and provides a faster option for riders during rush hours. Buses will operate every 10 minutes from 5:30 am to 9:30 am and 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Come find out about the exciting features and amenities such as specially branded buses and shelters, USB charging ports, WiFi and real time information monitors. Fares are the same as the local service; however, there will be no onboard loading of cash to SmarTrip cards to eliminate any delays.

Residents along this portion of MD 355 and surrounding areas are invited to share your interests in this new service. Please visit our website to obtain additional information regarding the public forum.

**Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to speak at the public forum are requested to provide in writing their name, home address, telephone number, e-mail address and organization to the Division of Transit Services, Ride On Public Forum, 101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850 or to [mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov).**

**Those wishing to speak must provide such information by three (3) days before the forum. You will have three (3) minutes to speak if you submit your request to speak in advance.** Those who have signed up to speak must bring two printed copies of their testimony for the record.

Sign and non-English language translation services will be provided upon request by emailing [mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov) no later than three (3) days before the forum. Additionally, comments on the proposed new route may be submitted in writing, by email, or by fax by June 1, 2017 to:

Division of Transit Services Ride On Public Forum  
101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor Rockville, MD 20850  
240-777-5800  
Fax 240-777-5801  
[mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Large print format or information in other languages is available upon request with five (5) business days of notice. All comments, including alternatives, will be considered before any changes are finalized. For information regarding these proposed changes, please access the Ride On web site at [www.rideonbus.com](http://www.rideonbus.com).

[En Español aquí.](#)

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## County Executive Releases First Quarter 2017 Economic Development Highlights

The beginning of 2017 brought new businesses, jobs and development for Montgomery County. See [the report here](#). For more information contact Lily Qi, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer for Economic and Workforce Development, [lily.qi@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:lily.qi@montgomerycountymd.gov), 240-777-2524. Visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/ep](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/ep) for more information on Montgomery County's economic priorities.

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## Metro announces June 25 effective date for new hours, fares, schedules

Metro announced this week that changes to fares, schedules and rail system hours will take effect Sunday, June 25, 2017. The changes, approved by the Board of Directors earlier this year, are part of an effort to rightsize service, close a budget gap and provide needed time for new categories of preventive maintenance to improve safety and reliability.

Among the changes taking effect, most fares on Metrobus and Metrorail will increase between 10-25 cents; some low-ridership bus routes will be discontinued; trains will arrive slightly less frequently during rush hour; and Metrorail system hours will be adjusted to provide an additional eight hours of track access weekly to improve safety and service reliability.

## Metro Announces that last SafeTrack surge will shut down part of the Red Line for 9 days

The western end of the Red Line will shut down for nine days starting June 17 for Metro's last SafeTrack surge on a five-mile stretch between the Shady Grove and Twinbrook stations. For details, visit the agency's website at <https://www.wmata.com/service/SafeTrack.cfm>

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*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press\\_List.aspx?id=01](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01)

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>